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3D guns are back, and this time they are unstoppable

By Jake Hanrahan

A new network of 3D-printed gun advocates is growing in America. Unlike previous attempts to popularise 3D-printed guns, this operation is entirely decentralised. There's no headquarters, no trademarks, and no real leader.

Ivan the Troll is the de facto spokesman of an underground wave of 3D-printing gunsmiths. Ivan says he knows of at least 100 people who are actively developing 3D-printed gun technology. This loose-knit community spans across the whole world.

They communicate via digital platforms, including Signal, Twitter, IRC, and Discord. They critique each other's work, exchange 3D gun CAD files, offer advice, talk theory, and collaborate on future blueprints. These 3D-printed gun enthusiasts mostly found each other online via gun control subreddits and forums.

Ivan says he is from Illinois, and is of "college age", but otherwise he remains mostly anonymous, though he's launched videos demonstrating the new 3D-printed gun parts he's created in his garage, including a Glock 17 handgun frame.

One of his most recent videos shows the polymer Glock 17 frame in various stages of production. Ivan fires several rounds with the fully built handgun, as text flashes "GO AHEAD TRY TO STOP THIS YOU FILTHY STATISTS". He's also uploaded the complete CAD designs for a 3D-printed AR-15 assault rifle to his file-sharing space online.

In February of this year, Ivan and his group named themselves "Deterrence Dispensed", which is a tongue-in-cheek nod to the notorious Defence Distributed – a 3D-printing gun company formerly run by Texan crypto-anarchist Cody Wilson, now out on bail on a charge of having paid \$500 to have sex with a 16-year-old girl. He stepped down from Defence Distributed, which was before seen as

the driving force behind 3D-printed guns since it launched in 2012.

Attorney generals from more than 20 US states are currently suing the company in a bid to reverse a court win that momentarily allowed Defence Distributed to upload and share 3D-printed gun blueprints online. They're uploading these files on services such as Spee.ch, a site underpinned by the LBRY blockchain. They've made their own 3D-printed gun designs, modified old ones, and are keeping all the Defence Distributed ones available for free too.

Ivan is providing free files to anyone with a FDM (Fused Deposition Modeling) 3D printer and some hand tools to make a workable handgun. Once the CAD file is downloaded, it's opened in a "slicer" program that translates the CAD files into instructions that the 3D printer can understand. Once the 3D-printed gun parts are ready, they can be assembled into a fully workable gun.

Ivan's Twitter account was permanently suspended after Sen. Bob Menendez (NJ) lobbied for it to be taken down.

Ivan sees himself, and other radical 3D-printing gun groups such as FOSSCAD (another decentralised group of 3D-printing enthusiasts who focus on firearms), simply as hobbyists who've chosen the "wrong" thing to build.

Already in 2019, 156 people have been killed in US mass shootings. Does the US (and the world) really need more guns? Ivan thinks yes, citing the many police shootings of unarmed black men. "You should be able to own the same legal force that the cops are using to control you," Ivan said. But the facts are clear. The majority of gun deaths around the world come from just six countries – one of which is the US. And analysis from Harvard University shows where there are more guns, more murders happen.

As of now, Ivan the Troll, Deterrence Dispensed, and the thousands many more 3D-printed gun

enthusiasts connected to each other worldwide, have essentially let the cat out the bag. There is no way to stop the anonymous file sharing of 3D-printed guns online. Whether they're just pretending to be doing this for reasons of liberty or otherwise, their message is clear: it's already too late to stop.

-- <https://www.wired.co.uk> 20 May 2019

'Frivolous' lawsuit costing Antifa activist \$22,000

Government watchdog Judicial Watch is claiming victory after a court ordered an Antifa activist to pay tens of thousands of dollars for filing a "frivolous" case.

It was two years ago that Judicial Watch sought the records of Yvett Felarca's Antifa activism contained in the archives of the Berkeley Unified School District, where she worked.

A middle school teacher, she is a prominent figure in a group called By Any Means Necessary, BAMN, founded by the Marxist Revolutionary Worker League.

The group protests speaking engagements by conservative speakers "By Any Means Necessary."

In 2016, she and others were "charged with several crimes, including felony assault, for inciting a riot in Sacramento," Judicial Watch said. She's been ordered to stand trial for assault.

Felarca sued to prevent the Berkeley district from furnishing the public records to Judicial Watch, alleging the watchdog group was misusing the law for political means.

But U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria of the Northern District of California found that her action was "entirely frivolous" and has awarded legal fees to Judicial Watch.

He wrote in his ruling that claims by Felarca were "premised on the obviously baseless assumption" that the First Amendment condemns the speech of some while condoning the ideological missions of others.

Felarco and two co-plaintiffs were ordered to pay Judicial Watch \$22,000 in attorney's fees and \$4,000 in litigation costs.

Co-defendants Lori Nixon and Larry Stef were ordered to pay Judicial Watch \$1,000 each.

"Judicial Watch is entitled to attorney's fees because the plaintiffs' lawsuit was frivolous, and their litigation conduct was unreasonable," the judge wrote.

"This is a huge victory for Judicial Watch against Antifa and the violent left," Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said. "Ms. Felarca attacked Judicial Watch without basis and the court was right to reject her ploy to deny our 'right to know' because we don't share her violent left views."

The Anti-Defamation League explains Antifa is short for antifascist, but it actually is a collection of groups, networks and individuals who oppose "right-wing movements."

"Most Antifa come from the anarchist movement or from the far left," ADL said.

"Today, Antifa activists focus on harassing right wing extremists both online and in real life ... the use of violent measures by some Antifa against their adversaries can create a vicious, self-defeating cycle of attacks, counter-attacks and blame."

ADL warned, "Most established civil rights organizations criticize Antifa tactics as dangerous and counterproductive."

"All forms of Antifa violence are problematic." --
www.wnd.com/2019/05/22

Infowars to pay \$15K for unauthorized Pepe the Frog posters

Conspiracy-promoting website Infowars will pay \$15,000 to resolve a copyright infringement lawsuit over its sales of a poster featuring the image of Pepe the Frog, a cartoon character that was hijacked by far-right extremists and racist internet trolls.

"Infowars" show host Alex Jones on Monday signed his companies' settlement agreement with Pepe's creator, Matt Furie. The California-based artist said he didn't authorize Infowars to sell a "MAGA" poster that depicts Pepe alongside images of Jones, President Trump, far-right agitator Milo Yiannopoulos and other right-wing figures.

Louis Tompros, one of Furie's attorneys, said the settlement amount is more than the \$14,000 that Infowars made from sales of the poster. He said

his client plans to donate the extra \$1,000 to Save the Frogs!, a California-based conservation organization.

An article posted on Infowars' website calls it a "strategic victory" for Jones. Furie's lawyers had sought more than \$1 million but ultimately settled for a fraction of that after a costly legal fight.

Infowars' lawyers argued the poster's depiction of Pepe was "fair use," but U.S. District Judge Michael Fitzgerald ruled a jury must decide that question. A jury trial was scheduled to begin July 16 in Los Angeles.

The settlement agreement calls for Infowars to destroy any copies of the poster in its possession and bars the site from selling any more copies. Infowars also agreed not to sell anything else with Pepe's likeness without a license to do so.

The Anti-Defamation League branded Pepe as a hate symbol in September 2016 and prompted Furie's efforts to reclaim the character.

Jones still faces other litigation stemming from his inflammatory words. Relatives of children killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre filed defamation suits against Jones after he questioned whether the shooting rampage was a hoax.

Jones livestreams his show on Infowars' website, but he has lost access to other platforms. Twitter and Facebook have permanently banned him. -- www.huffpost.com 06/11/2019

Venezuela: Maduro Approves Machine Gun Manufacture Plan Despite Firearm Ban

Socialist dictator Nicolás Maduro approved a plan on Thursday to manufacture machine guns across Venezuela despite a nationwide ban on the use of firearms.

In a video streamed by Venezuelan state propaganda outlet VTV, Maduro announced the approval of funds for a new line of machine guns to be produced in Venezuela.

"So I'm going to approve these funds in order to keep going forward on a new direction, on a clear path to doing our weaponry system," he said.

"It is recommended," says here the document sent by [Defense Minister Vladimir] Padrino López, "to Nicolás Maduro, to approve 6,833,385 euros in funding for the activation of the 9.19 mm Caribe machine gun production line project at the General Management Office of the Metal-Mechanics sector in Maracay," Maduro

continued. "Approved. Forward, forward, forward!"

As Maduro openly admitted, the use of such weapons would only be for the military and state security services, allowing them to step up their repression and control of the country's population to create a Cuba-style communist dictatorship.

Under the rule of the late Hugo Chávez, gun rights were gradually dissolved. In 2012, private gun ownership was outlawed nationwide via the "Disarmament Law."

The legislation ended all commercial sales of firearms and ammunition to the public. Today, only the Army, police, and other state security apparatuses are allowed to possess firearms.

Despite [because of?] the ban on firearms, Venezuela remains one of the world's most violent and dangerous nations. Tens of thousands of people are killed every year as a result of gun violence. Civilians most often in possession of firearms are members of Chavista gangs loyal to the regime, who use them to intimidate and control impoverished communities with the ongoing threat of violence.--
www.breitbart.com 24 May 2019

US boycotts UN arms forum as Venezuela takes chair

GENEVA (Reuters) - The United States walked out of the Conference on Disarmament on Tuesday to protest against Venezuela assuming the rotating presidency of the U.N.-sponsored forum - as it did a year ago when Syria took the chair.

As Venezuela took up the one-month presidency, U.S. disarmament ambassador Robert Wood left the session and announced a "boycott".

Argentina, Brazil and Chile who recognize Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido stayed away from the Conference. Syria and Russia denounced what they called its politicization. --
May 28, 2019

Survey: Only 2-in-15 Americans Aware of Soaring Illegal Immigration to U.S.

Less than two-in-15 American voters are aware of the soaring levels of illegal immigration across the United States-Mexico border, a new survey finds.

The latest Harvard/Harris Poll reveals that when Americans are asked how many illegal aliens are arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border, only about 13 percent answer correctly.

There were nearly 100,000 border apprehensions in April, alone. This puts illegal immigration at the southern border on track to Bush era levels. At current rates, experts project there to be 863,000 border apprehensions this Fiscal Year, though this does not include those who successfully cross.

Since Fiscal Year 2010, the number of border crossers and illegal aliens apprehended trying to enter the U.S. has been anywhere between 300,000 to 500,000.

In the Harvard/Harris Poll, though, less than two-in-15 American voters correctly said there are between 250,000 to 500,000 border apprehensions each year.

When voters were told that there were more than 100,000 border apprehensions in the last month, about 52 percent said they supported President Trump's decision to declare a national emergency at the southern border to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Another 48 percent said they oppose the national emergency.

Every year, the U.S. admits about 1.2 million mostly low-skilled legal immigrants. The vast majority, about 70 percent, of legal immigration to the country is driven by the process known as "chain migration," whereby newly naturalized citizens can bring an unlimited number of foreign relatives to the U.S. --www.breitbart.com 14 May 2019

Six Paths to the Nonsurgical Future of Brain-Machine Interfaces

DARPA has funded six organizations to support the Next-Generation Nonsurgical Neurotechnology (N³) program. Battelle Memorial Institute, Carnegie Mellon U, Johns Hopkins U, Palo Alto Research Center, Rice U, and Teledyne Scientific are leading multidisciplinary teams to develop high-resolution, bidirectional brain-machine interfaces for use by able-bodied service members. These wearable interfaces could ultimately enable diverse national security applications such as control of active cyber defense systems and swarms of unmanned aerial vehicles, or teaming with computer systems to multitask during complex missions.

"DARPA is preparing for a future in which a combination of unmanned systems, artificial intelligence, and cyber operations may cause conflicts to play out on timelines that are too short for humans to effectively manage with current

technology alone," said Al Emondi, the N³ program manager. "By creating a brain-machine interface that doesn't require surgery, DARPA could deliver tools that allow mission commanders to remain meaningfully involved in dynamic operations that unfold at rapid speed."

Over the past 18 years, DARPA has demonstrated achievements such as neural control of prosthetic limbs and restoration of the sense of touch to the users of those limbs, relief of otherwise intractable neuropsychiatric illnesses such as depression, and improvement of memory formation and recall. Due to the inherent risks of surgery, these technologies have so far been limited to use by volunteers.

For the military's able-bodied population to benefit from neurotechnology, nonsurgical interfaces are required. Yet, in fact, similar technology could greatly benefit clinical populations as well. By removing the need for surgery, N³ systems seek to access treatments such as deep brain stimulation to manage neurological illnesses.

The N³ teams are pursuing a range of approaches that use optics, acoustics, and electromagnetics to record neural activity and/or send signals back to the brain at high speed and resolution. The research is split between two tracks. Teams are pursuing either completely noninvasive interfaces that are entirely external to the body or minutely invasive interface systems that include nanotransducers that can be temporarily and nonsurgically delivered to the brain to improve signal resolution.

"If N³ is successful, we'll end up with wearable neural interface systems that can communicate with the brain from a range of just a few millimeters, moving neurotechnology beyond the clinic and into practical use for national security," Emondi said. "Just as service members put on protective and tactical gear in preparation for a mission, in the future they might put on a headset containing a neural interface, use the technology however it's needed, then put the tool aside when the mission is complete." --darpa.mil/news-events/2019-05-20

Research indicates the only defense against killer AI is not developing it

By Tristan Greene

An analysis on the future of warfare indicates that countries that continue to develop AI [artificial

intelligence] for military use risk losing control of the battlefield. Those that don't risk eradication. Whether you're for or against the AI arms race: it's happening. Here's what that means, according to experts.

Researchers from ASRC Federal and the U of Maryland recently published a terrifying look at how all this various machine learning technology will play out based on analysis of current cutting-edge military AI technologies and predicted integration at scale.

The paper explains there will almost certainly be a "normal accident," concerning AI – an expected incident of a nature and scope we cannot predict. Basically, the militaries of the world will break some civilian eggs making the AI arms race-omelet: "Study of this field began with accidents such as Three Mile Island, but AI technologies embody similar risks. Finding and exploiting these weaknesses to induce defective behavior will become a permanent feature of military strategy."

If you're thinking killer robots duking it out in our cities while civilians run for shelter, you're not wrong – but robots as a proxy for soldiers isn't humanity's biggest concern when it comes to AI warfare.

According to the researchers, the problem isn't one we can frame as good and evil, but how the decision-making process of the future is going to work.

The researchers describe it as a slippery slope: "If AI systems are effective, pressure to increase the level of assistance to the warfighter would be inevitable. Continued success would mean gradually pushing the human out of the loop, first to a supervisory role and then finally to the role of a "killswitch operator".

LAWS, or lethal autonomous weapons systems, will almost immediately scale beyond humans' ability to work with computers and machines. Hand-to-hand combat between machines, for example, will be entirely autonomous by necessity.

"Given a battlespace so overwhelming that humans cannot manually engage with the system, the human role will be limited to post-hoc forensic analysis, once hostilities have ceased, or treaties have been signed."

If this sounds a bit grim, it's because it is. As *Import AI's* Jack Clark points out, "This is a quick paper that lays out the concerns of AI+War from a community we don't frequently hear from: people that work as direct suppliers of government technology."

While the researchers mainly appear to argue that AI will lead us to ruin, at one point the paper points out that “determining how to thwart, for example, a terrorist organization turning a facial recognition model into a targeting system for exploding drones is certainly a prudent move.”

In this light, it's a bittersweet conclusion for the researchers to ultimately claim the “better option” to continuing the arms race “may be to support regulation or prohibition.” What's plan B?-- <https://thenextweb.com> May 20, 2019

Murders in the U.S. very concentrated: 54% of US counties in 2014 had zero murders, 2% of counties had 51% of murders

The United States can really be divided up into three types of places. Places where there are no murders, places where there are a few murders, and places where murders are very common.

In 2014, the most recent year that a county-level breakdown is available, 54% of counties (with 11% of the population) have no murders. 69% of counties have no more than one murder, and about 20% of the population. These counties account for only 4% of all murders in the country.

The worst 1% of counties have 19% of the population and 37% of the murders. The worst 2% of counties contain 28% of the population and 51% of the murders. The worst 5% of counties contain 47% of the population and account for 68% of murders. But even within those counties the murders are very heavily concentrated in small areas.

When you look at individual counties with a high number of murders, you find large areas with few murders. Take Los Angeles County, with 526 murders in 2014, the most of any county in the US. The county has virtually no murders in the northwestern part of the county. There was only one murder each in Beverly Hills, Hawthorne, and Van Nuys. Clearly, different parts of the county face very different risks of murder.

Washington, DC has large areas without murders. 14th Street NW divides the eastern and western parts of the district, with murders overwhelmingly limited to the eastern half.

In Chicago through the first 4.5 months of 2017 there were 222 homicides. One small neighborhood, Austin, accounts over 25 murders. But

23 of the 77 neighborhoods have zero murders, and most of the 40 neighborhoods in orange have only one murder. Twelve neighborhoods have 10 or more murders.

In a study in the journal *Criminology*, David L. Weisburd has a paper titled “The law of crime concentration and the criminology of place” that shows for eight cities 25% of violent crime occurred on one percent of the streets and that about half occurred on five percent of the streets.

According to a 2013 PEW Research Center survey, the household gun ownership rate in rural areas was 2.11 times greater than in urban areas (“Why Own a Gun? Protection is Now Top Reason,” PEW Research Center, March 12, 2013). Suburban households are 28.6% more likely to own guns than urban households. Despite [because of?] lower gun ownership, urban areas experience much higher murder rates. One should not put much weight on this purely “cross-sectional” evidence over one point in time and many factors determine murder rates, but it is still interesting to note that so much of the country has both very high gun ownership rates and zero murders.

Murders in the U.S. are heavily concentrated in very small areas. Murder isn't a nationwide problem. It's a problem in a very small set of urban areas, and any solution must reduce those murders.

The data is originally from the FBI UCR and is available from the University of Michigan's ICPSR.

While we have been unable to locate a copy of his research, Robert Muggah (Igarapé Institute) says “that 99% of violence in the USA is concentrated in 5% of street addresses.”-- <https://crimeresearch.org/2017/04/25>

Baltimore mayor suggests boxing matches could settle ‘beef’

The mayor of Baltimore —one of America's most dangerous cities — wants rival factions to put down their guns and put up their dukes.

Mayor Bernard “Jack” Young — who took office after Catherine Pugh resigned in May amid scandal — advocated organized fights as a means to solve disputes without using weapons.

He said that if boxing were the option, “the best man win, and the beef should be over.”

In 2017, the FBI placed the city on its “Crime in the U.S.” list. Baltimore was listed well above that of any other large American metropolis, with the 342 homicides notched that year yielding a stunning homicide rate of 56 per 100,000 people.-- www.foxnews.com June 3, 2019

Florida deputy charged for inaction during Parkland shooting

The Florida deputy who knew a gunman was loose at the Parkland high school but refused to go inside to confront the assailant was arrested Tuesday on 11 criminal charges related to his inaction during the massacre that killed 17 people.

Scot Peterson was on duty at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on the day of the February 2018 shooting but never entered the building while bullets were flying. He was charged with child neglect, culpable negligence and perjury — allegations that carry a maximum prison sentence of nearly 100 years.

Peterson was seen on surveillance video rushing with two staff members toward the building where the shooting happened. When they arrived, he pulled his weapon and went forward but then retreated and took up a position outside, where he stood with his gun drawn.

Peterson, 56, was jailed on \$102,000 bail. If released, he will be required to wear a GPS monitor and surrender his passport and will be prohibited from possessing a gun, the prosecutor said.

His lawyer, Joseph DiRuzzo III, said, “We will vigorously defend against these spurious charges that lack basis in fact and law,” arguing that Peterson was not a caregiver, which he said the law defines as a parent, adult household member or other person responsible for a child's welfare. “The definition of ‘other person responsible for a child's welfare’ expressly excludes law enforcement officers acting in an official capacity.”

After the shooting, Peterson took retirement rather than accept a suspension.

He has now been formally fired, according to Broward County Sheriff Gregory Tony. Another deputy, former Sgt. Brian Miller, was also fired, although he faces no criminal charges.

The perjury charge stems from a statement Peterson gave under oath to investigators contending that he did not hear any shots fired after taking up his position outside the school.

Investigators determined through video, witnesses and other evidence that was not true.

Gov. Ron DeSantis suspended then-Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel for "neglect of duty and incompetence." Israel is appealing that decision to the state Senate and said he intends to run again next year.

The case spawned a report detailing many errors before and during the shooting, including Broward deputies who stayed outside the school building and the policies that led to that, such as Israel's decision to change guidelines to say that deputies "may" confront an active shooter rather than "shall" do so.

A commission recommended voluntary arming of teachers, which state lawmakers approved this year.

Nikolas Cruz, 20, faces the death penalty if convicted of the first-degree murder charges filed in the attack. His lawyers have said Cruz would plead guilty in return for a life sentence, but prosecutors have refused that offer.

-- AP June 4, 2019

Why Does the Second Amendment Refer to "The People"?

Posted July 4, 2019 by Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership

Madison's draft of the Second Amendment declares that "the right of the People to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed". He could have left out "of the People" without loss of meaning if he intended to guarantee that natural right to all. Alternatively, he could have defined the class of protected persons with some other term. For example, the Third Amendment pertains to "the Owner". The Fifth Amendment reads "No person." The Sixth Amendment refers to "the accused".

Consistency in constitutional interpretation precludes assuming any word to be happenstance.

Today, the debate concerning "the People" is focused on whether the right was intended to be limited to the militia. Instead, I wonder who Madison and the founding generation understood would be *excluded* from the class "the People". (On occasion, the militia included a few individuals who would *not* have been construed to be full-fledged members of the political community.)

A 16th century perspective would imply that native Americans would be excluded from the class "the People".... A 19th century perspective would imply that slaves and free blacks might be excluded from "the People".

The hypothesis in this essay is that the right to arms was reserved to "the People" to preserve the majority's power to disarm any who might not be loyal to the Constitution. It seems incongruous to believe that the founding generation intended to allow an ambitious government to undermine the Constitution by disarming the People who ordained and established that document....

According to the *Marbury v. Madison* doctrine of Constitutional interpretation, the advocate able to persuade a majority of justices prevails. Imagine if Conservatives captured a majority of seats on the Supreme Court, the question might arise as to the Constitutionality of a law disarming seditious inhabitants. Judges might be authorized to ask suspects: "Are you now, or ever been, a member of any Radical organization?" And, thereupon, issue an Extreme Risk Confiscation Order stripping any such suspect of his arms. Would Progressives be happy that a tool [gun control] they wanted to use for their ends turned into a means Conservatives could use against them?...

Progressives, as well as Communists and Democratic Socialists, see their political-economic visions as the inevitable course of history. Nevertheless, the dialectical ebb and flow of political power causes the "inevitable" to be reversed at times. Those committed to gun control advocacy should bear in mind that it is not inevitable that they will always be in control.

When Conservatives hold power, the interpretation of "the People" in the Second Amendment could shift the balance of power against Progressive objectives. Once accomplished, history shows that such change is not easily reversed.

The only policy that would be intrinsically resistant to power struggles among factions seeking to rule over an unarmed majority would be universal arms ownership, as is mostly the practice in America, Switzerland and Israel....

A citizen may be "dis-abled" of a right by law upon conviction of certain crimes or if adjudicated incompetent. Any such act of government must be held to strict standards of legal due process. We would not find it acceptable to strip an adult citizen of either the right to vote or to keep and bear arms based on a conviction for jay-walking or having an IQ below 123. We must be concerned with the propensity of government to

excessively limit the standards for exercising the rights of citizenship....

It should be out of the question for rights, such as to keep and bear arms, to be limited to arbitrary sub-classes such as those formally enrolled in state militias, sworn police officers, those privately employed in protecting the wealthy, or those who are left-handed.

The Supreme Court held in *Heller v. D.C.* that "*the enshrinement of constitutional rights necessarily takes certain policy choices off the table.*" Thus, the only truly politically correct approach to Second Amendment rights is near universal, even-handed, natural qualification with very limited exceptions. That requires, essentially, a "shall-issue" approach to the right of all qualified Americans to keep and bear arms. —'MarkPA' is a life-long gun owner, NRA Instructor and Massad Ayoob graduate. He is inspired by our inalienable rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and holds that having the means to defend oneself and one's community is vital to securing them.

550 African immigrants were just caught in Texas. DHS head says they aren't being screened for Ebola

By David Horowitz

The border crisis is no longer exclusively a problem of illegal Central American migrants. The number of migrants from Africa continues to increase. Yet there are no screenings, quarantines, or detention before illegal immigrants are released into our communities, often within hours.

According to a Border Patrol agent who must remain anonymous because he is not authorized to speak to the press, over 550 African migrants were apprehended in Texas in just one week – from May 30 through June 5. The lion's share were from the Democratic Republic of Congo, the country with the worst Ebola outbreak in the world.

As of June 4, according to the World Health Organization, there were a total of 2,025 confirmed cases of Ebola, including 1,357 deaths in the DRC.

The DRC is also experiencing 87,000 cases of measles, claiming the lives of 1,500.

Yet local media in San Antonio reported on Friday that hundreds of these African migrants were seen dropped off at bus stations in San Antonio.

Honduras accounts for 38 percent of all illegal immigrants caught in the Lone Star State. Honduras is experiencing a mumps outbreak. As of Monday, Arizona officials confirmed 47 cases of mumps in Pinal County, mainly in ICE facilities.

There is no quarantine, as required by law. Acting DHS Secretary Kevin McAleenan admitted at yesterday's Senate Judiciary Committee hearing that CBP is not screening anyone for diseases.

Shouldn't these people be inadmissible rather than being released? Asylum does not trump the medically inadmissible statutes of 8 U.S.C. 1182.-- conservativereview.com June 12, 2019

Trump: 'We're going to seriously look' at banning suppressors

Earlier this week President Trump stated he didn't like suppressors. While in London, the President sat down with Piers Morgan about the subject of suppressors and guns in America came up.

While it's dangerous to put too much credence into his off-the-cuff comments, President Trump seemed to indicate that he'll consider banning suppressors as a response to the shooting in Virginia Beach.

"Well, I'd like to think about it. I'm going to seriously look at it," he said.

On the other side of the equation, he defended civilian firearm ownership. When talking about the Bataclan Theatre massacre [in Paris in 2015], the President told Morgan . . .

"If there was a gun on the other side it would have never happened."

When asked why people want to own semi-automatic rifles, the President said . . .

"A lot of them use them for entertainment. They go out and shoot at ranges."

On the discussion of gun rights, the President bounced all over the place. It appears that the President is in favor of banning suppressors, but defended the fact that armed law-

abiding people stop armed criminals and smacked Morgan down by pointing out London's rampant knife-related crime.

He jumped from targeting the Second Amendment to defending the individual right to keep and bear arms. So is he a firearms friend or foe? You decide and let us know in the comments.

Comment:

Will someone please explain how this is winning. Feels like losing to me. Is there a chance that Trump lied to us? Good thing the NRA has his back. I sure don't. - Baffle-- thetruthaboutguns.com June 5, 2019

Virginia Beach Needs to Come Clean

Could a CYA operation be underway in Virginia Beach?

City officials insisted that shooter DeWayne Craddock [who killed 12 people] was an unremarkable employee in good standing.

In a telephone interview with attorney Kevin Martingayle - a family friend of Katherine Nixon, one of the shooting victims - I learned that she'd told her husband she was concerned about Craddock who'd been fired and escorted from the building shortly before the massacre.

Katherine Nixon even considered bringing a handgun to work on the day she was shot to death - because the worker who'd just been sacked had "made some kind of threatening remark, like 'I'm coming back,' as he was escorted from the premises," Martingayle told me.

She didn't bring a weapon because "it was against policy."

Katherine Nixon was "highly competent with a handgun" Martingayle added, although there is no way to know if she would have been able to protect herself if she'd been armed.

-- kerrydougherty.com June 11, 2019

How to Prevent Violence

By Brendan Mooney
VCDL Executive Member

2.9 miles away from my house, an act of violence only the Devil could unleash was happening while I

was in my garage spray painting ammo cans, wondering what the sirens were going by my house was all about.

2.9 miles away, a person who was disturbed and hurting unleashed his anger in a violent manner that changed Virginia Beach for ever and threw us into the national spotlight during a time that should be reserved for beach parties, BBQ and sand between our toes.

After these terrible events, a lot of people rush to judgement, blame the object, etc. However, I noticed something entirely different about these events. The city wasn't concerned with "extended magazines and silencers", but rather how can we come together and heal.

One of the gentlemen, who was in the building and escaped, already has forgiven the person who ruined the lives of so many. Our church, Trinity Church of Virginia Beach had a similar message today. Forgiveness, healing and not letting evil overtake the good that came out of this tragedy.

The city manager had to put out a request for "no more food or perishable gifts for our police/first responders" on social media. Heart warming and beyond amazing.

This is how we prevent violence of all kinds.

Talk with your neighbor, be kind to that person in front of you at the check out lane and ask them how their day is going and genuinely care about your fellow man. You know that new neighbor you have been meaning to get to know? Go ring their doorbell. A coworker a little stressed at work? Why not invite him out to your house for a home cooked meal? For the introverted folks like my wife, a simple smile and "have a wonderful weekend" will do as well.

I noticed that this weekend here in Virginia Beach. A lot of people poured into our city to realize that we are a bit different down here. However, that difference isn't unique. It can start Pact just by being a good human being and reaching out to your fellow man.
-- VA-Alert June 7, 2019

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